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What better way to herald our first issue of 2012 and wish "Happy New Year" to our readers than to include an article on tokens that relays just that! Say welcome to Dale Hallmark from Texas, and an avid collector of, among other things, "Prosit Neujahr" tokens. If you're unfamiliar with these (and I'm betting you are), you'll find a delightful read in Dale's article starting on page 22.

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Presidents' Messages

NASC...

Hello everyone:

I understand that the active clubs in the association are full of ideas and activities. It is good for the collecting public; let's spread the word around and let the computer collectors know of our clubs' activities. Let everyone who knows of someone who spends his/her time on the computer know about the club activities, and ask them to join our clubs. It is good for them and good for us.

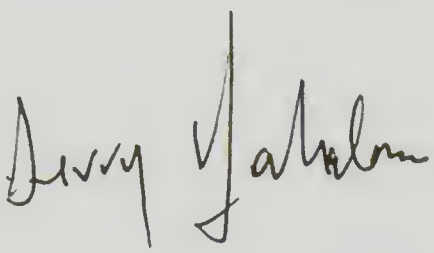
We are getting close to having our Golden State Coin Show. We met and set our plans for the coming show to be held in August 25/26.

The way gold and silver are moving, it becomes a little difficult to pick up prizes for our benefit drawing; we are still offering eight gold coins, eight silver coins, and eight silver eagles, for the winners.

In addition we'll try to bring in the Boy Scouts for a merit badge in numismatics. It is a great way to bring the idea of numismatics to the young people. Let us remember that they will come to enjoy our hobby, and their hobby in years to come.

I cannot forget Tony Micciche who is struggling to stay alive; our prayers are with him for a quick recovery, and to join us in our hobby.

Well, I'll say good happening in your hobby.



Jerry Yahalom
NASC President

CSNA...

Greetings to all!

In the last issue of *The California Numismatist*, I mentioned that a meeting of the CSNA board in the north in 2012 was a work in progress. It is not always easy to find a place for a group to meet. In early January Howard Feltham suggested the Harris Ranch in Coalinga as a meeting place as it is midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. April 21 was selected, but it will not be at the Harris Ranch due to a large wedding event. Howard still plans to attend … right Howard? (grin)

We will officially meet April 21, at the Best Western Big Country Inn, 25020 W. Dorris Avenue in Coalinga, CA. This inn may be contacted at 800-838-6835. A meeting area or room has been reserved for the CSNA board meeting starting at about 10:00 AM. Thanks go to Michael Turrini, G. Lee Kuntz and Joyce Kuntz for their efforts. Hopefully I did not omit anyone.

This is the CSNA election year for new officers and board members, etc. If you want to enter the race, please contact Joyce Kuntz. Installation of officers and board members will be in October in Long Beach.

Our 2012 CSNA 130th Convention & Coin Show will be held at the Holiday Inn in Long Beach on October 27th and 28th. Setup will be on Friday, October 26th. Both General Chairman Phil Iversen and myself have worked for several months to arrange for this event at this location, and are glad it is finally done!

Numismatically,

Gary Beedon

Gary Beedon
CSNA President

Editor's Page

Bet you're not going to believe this: I'm at least two weeks ahead of my usual publishing curve with this issue. It's a mixed blessing though. Because of the lack of association events these past three months I have very little material to pass along on shows, banquets, or association reports. Combined with that, the author submittals were a tad thin this go-around, and it resulted in a "first" in almost four years: a TCN that dropped below 80 pages. Because the next most cost-effective page increment below our usual issue is 64 pages, that's what I had to squeeze the remaining material into (I could have opted for a number between those—anything in an multiple of four—but the other options between 64 and 80 are rather pricey). I actually ended up pulling some information out of this issue to "lose the weight", but I think you'll like what remains.

Note that I've put the info on our literary awards for 2011 on page 10. Starting this year we're determining the honors and making the announcements in the first issue after the end of the award year (versus waiting until August or another later date). Please read up on the awards, and the next time you see one of the honored authors, pat them on the back and express your appreciation for all their hard work and diligence.

There's a special treat starting on page 22, with Dale Hallmark's article on New Years tokens from Austria. I wasn't even aware these existed, but it goes to show that if you keep your eyes open, you just may learn something!

We also have articles from Bill Febuary, Len Ratzman, and our usual columns from Jim Hunt, Sol Taylor, Tom Fitzgerald, and Michael Turrini, so I think you'll have plenty of reading ahead. Gary Beedon has fattened up our calendar of events to its usual plumpness. And for those who like head-scratchers, see Sol Taylor's quiz challenge and the special crossword puzzle further on in this issue. If you enjoy them let me know; perhaps we can have more in the future.

Hope to see you soon...

Greg Burns
Editor

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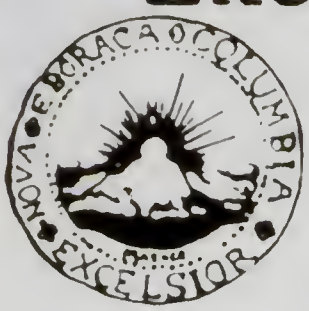

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CSNA—

by Michael S. Turrini

Greetings!

First, let me express my gratitude to those regular, associate, junior, and club members who have renewed and remitted their respective 2012 dues. Prompt payment eases the chores of processing and reduces the costs with mailing additional notices/reminders.

Second, for those not having renewed, additional and final notice would have been mailed just after March 1st. Failure to respond to this final notice would result in membership termination.

Third, being only human as well as an unpaid volunteer, errors and omissions are possible, and even probable! If something is wrong or overlooked, as payment received but not credited properly or a mistake in names or addresses, a kind and pleasant contact would be appreciated. I never have been really good with PCs, and as many know, I suffer from dyslexia. Just let me know.

Fourth, in the summary are the new members through the end of February, and CSNA welcomes them all! Welcome! Thanks for joining. Among those listed is Hal Cherry from Texas, who is the current first vice-president of the Texas Numismatic Association. Welcome, Hal!

In closing, here is something for us all: "You can if you think you can."—George Reeves

Remember: Have fun with your hobby! Always serve others! Enjoy your collecting! And, create hope and do good!

NASC—

by Harold Katzman

No special comments. See next page for membership report.

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James Hicks	R6356
Hal Cherry	R6357
Charles N. Ludvik	R6358
Richard B. Brian	R6359

CSNA Membership on 2/26/2012

Associate	10
Junior	3
Life	144
Life Clubs	12
Clubs	27
Regular	294
Total	490

NASC New Members

Jerry Pursley	R-3083
Paul M. Abrahams	R-3082

NASC Membership on 3/6/2012

Junior Members	6
Life Members	13
Club Members	19
Regular Members	87
Sustaining Members	144
Total Membership	269

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If you've moved, please help us keep our addresses up to date. Take a moment to drop us a short note to ensure that you keep getting your copy of *The California Numismatist*:

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TCN Literary Awards

We're proud to announce the awards for the 2011 publication year. Each category has 1st through 3rd places, with the exception of the Brainard award which is for best overall article. Several awards were unplaced due to a lack of articles in those categories (YN articles, foreign, and ancients).

The Brainard award is solid .999 fine silver and engraved just like the other medals, but is mounted on a plaque along with an engraved plate to finish it off. Second place is (usually) engraved golden bronze, and third is oxidized bronze. All are priceless.

Karl Brainard Literary Award for Best Article
California's Coin Board King: The Story of Joseph Oberwise and his Premium Cards, *David Lange*

George Bennett Literary Award for Articles on Ancient Numismatics
No articles submitted.

Charles Kappan Literary Award for Articles on Exonumia
1st Place: Exonumia, Repouseé, and More..., *Jean Myles*
2nd Place: A Famous Numismatist and his Token, *Bill Febuary*
3rd Place: The Fun of Being a Member of a Local Coin Club, *Bill Febuary*

Bryan Burke Literary Award for Articles on Foreign Coins
No articles submitted.

Virginia Hall Literary Award for Articles on Medals
1st Place: The Fun of Being a Member of a Local Coin Club, *Bill Febuary*

Charles G. Colver Literary Award for Articles on Paper Instruments
1st Place: Dixie's Denominations; Dixie's Dilemmas, *Jim Wells*
2nd Place: Postage and Fractional Currency, *Bill Febuary*
3rd Place: Packs of Federal Reserve Notes, *Bill Febuary*

Roy Hill Literary Award for Articles on United States Coins
1st Place: Detecting Counterfeit Dollars, *Robert Luna*
2nd Place: When Proofs Became Common, *Mark Benvenuto*
3rd Place: The Enigmatic Dash, *Leu Ratzman*

Nona G. Moore Literary Award for Articles by Young Numismatists
No articles submitted.

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Coins on Steroids

by Len Ratzman

In my never-ending goal of wanting to share numismatic trivia with readers who may not already know of these coins, this article presents the piedfort coin; a proof-like coin type that certainly qualifies as the "big kid on the block".

If you randomly selected a thousand collectors and numismatists in a trivia quiz, how many could define what a piedfort coin is and how it differs from "regular" coins? Meaning "heavy foot" or "heavy weight" in French, (depending on what defining source is used) the word piedfort describes a coin that is usually twice the weight and thickness of its "normal", circulating counterpart. From a pronunciation standpoint, the "t" is silent and the word, phonetically, is "pee-ey-fawr".

The closest collectors of US coins can come to owning a piedfort is the 2009 ultra high relief double eagle. It's about 50% thicker than the normal issue coin, so it really doesn't quite qualify as a true piedfort.

For obvious reasons they're not intended for circulation and are usually struck with a proof-like surface for presentation purposes by mint officials to collectors or VIPs.

When you first use "piedfort" as a search argument on the Internet, the initial results are surprising and even disappointing. As the different web sites are selected and their contents examined, it appears that most (if not all) piedfort coins mentioned are from countries other than the US. Even our northern neighbor Canada has for years designed, created, and sold

these attractive oversized coins. This apparent inequity can have only one of two possible origins: one, there are no US piedfort coins in existence, or two, the search for them simply wasn't extensive enough.

In an attempt to save readers some time in the future if they chose to do the same search, it should be noted that US mint officials were contacted and, sadly, confirmed that the US simply has never made a true piedfort coin. In order to qualify as a piedfort coin, the extra thickness and weight are a mandatory set of features. There have been ultra high-relief coins in US numismatic history, but they don't carry the piedfort label.

Although it's only conjecture, the decision by the government not to create US piedfort coins might stem from the fact that in 2010 the first of 56 "America the Beautiful" silver bullion national park quarters was made available to the public.

Similar to the 10-year state quarter program, these 5-ounce, 3-inch diameter, 4.99 mm thick, .999 silver coins will be available on an annual basis, five per year for 11 years. Displaying a different state park on each coin, these special coins, as attractive as they are, are evidently not called piedfort because their dimensions and weight are far from the double-weight, double-thick, and same circumference requirements of the piedfort coins of other countries.

Once the search for the non-existent US piedfort coin is abandoned, the collector/numismatist might wonder why so many other countries have chosen to create and sell these coins for so long, but the high-level design decision makers of the mint have chosen not to authorize a coin that, because of its uniqueness and appeal, would most certainly create an additional source of revenue.

This French Indochina 50 cent piece of 1946 has both the regular issue (left) and piedfort (right) specimens. With the same diameter for both coins, the double-thickness results in double the weight. Carry a few of these in your pocket and you'd know it!

Having Fun With Shield Nickels

by Bill Febuary

In my early coin collecting years, one of the most interesting coins to me was the shield nickel, because when I grew up in the 1950's they were not found in circulation, so I never had one or even knew they existed.

The only nickels I ever saw were early Jefferson nickels (prior to 1955) and a few buffalo nickels (mostly from the 1930's) and one or two Liberty head nickels (mostly the common dates after 1900).

I lived at a summer resort when I was very young where there was a single store in the small resort and I would occasionally buy a drink or popsicle at their store. The change in those days (1940's) were nickels of those types mentioned above, but I never remember seeing a shield nickel in my change. So when I began coin collecting in the late 1960's many of the coin collectors only had one or two shield nickels in their collections.

I soon became fascinated by the design of the shield nickel, even though it was similar to the two-cent piece. It was a type of nickel that I had never seen as a child.

With a new goal in mind, I soon found myself becoming interested in buying shield nickels. My goal was never to purchase or obtain the proof coins of that series, or the extremely low mintage ones, but merely the common issued dates.

The first issue being the 1866 coin with rays, which appeared to be the most easily collected coin as most shield nickel collections I discovered had this first issue in them. That same type (the ones with rays) were the 1866 and 1867 issued coins. The 1866 with rays had a total of 14,742,500 coins minted and the 1867 with rays had a total of 2,019,000, so the later was much more difficult to find and collect. Since those early years, I have perhaps owned four or five 1866 with rays coins, but only two of the 1867 with rays because of their scarcity!

The shield nickel series continued with another coin dated 1867, but with the rays removed. The rays were removed because of die problems from the excess metal used for the rays. So to make an easier processing of the coin and to reduce the many die cracks and other flaws that appeared on the coins with rays, the rays were removed from the die.

After the removal of the rays, the mintages varied starting with the 1867 without rays of 28,80,500 coins to several with less than one million minted, even in the regular issue coins.

Shield nickels were produced from 1866 to 1883, resulting in only a few rarities. Those rarities were an 1866 coin with a repunched date, the closed and open 3 in the 1873 issue, the 1879 with 9 over 8 and the 1883, with 3

The two-cent piece to the right bears a remarkable resemblance to the shield nickel above. Perhaps not unexpectedly, both were designed by the same man, James B. Longacre.

over 2. These were never recorded as to the number found for each, but are still listed with a monetary price to help collectors realize their values and scarcity. These varieties range from $300 to $3,000 in today's market. Their values have increased more with the 1883 3 over 2 issue than all the other rarities combined.

The small mintage regular issue coins have increased much greater in value than the rarity valued coins, and the 1880 with a mintage of only 16,000 coins is the most expensive coin in high grade of the entire series.

My collection of shield nickels consists of all of the regular issue nickels, except the 1879, 1880, and 1881, with all three of those coins having a combined total mintage of less than 150,000 coins.

During my early years of obtaining the various dates of shield nickels, most of those collected or purchased were fairly reasonable in price because in those days (early to mid 1980's) there were very few collectors seeking out shield nickels.

Today, those same coins have increased with the following values (grades VF to XF):

	Values	
Date	1980's	2011's
1866 W/R	$20 to $35	$100 to $200
1867 W/R	$29 to $55	$125 to $250
1867 WO/R	$12 to $27	$50 to $85
1868	$12 to $27	$50 to $85
1869	$12 to $27	$50 to $85
1870	$13 to $30	$125 to $175
1871	$50 to $90	$225 to $325
1872	$13 to $30	$100 to $125
1873	$13 to $30	$100 to $125
1874	$15 to $35	$100 to $135
1875	$20 to $45	$135 to $175
1876	$20 to $45	$135 to $175
1882	$12 to $27	$50 to $75
1883	$12 to $27	$50 to $80

This series of coins is still an interesting coin to collect, but is becoming more and more difficult to find as most of the coins have remained in old collectors hands.

Through the Numismatic Glass:

Civil War Numismatic Treasures

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

As the North and South were drawn into the deadliest conflict in the nation's history, many different tokens, coins, paper money and even postage stamps were utilized to carry on the commerce. This article discusses many of these items.

Limitations

The following article is limited to those items produced and utilized in the North by the Federal Government. Therefore the items adopted and produced by the Confederacy are not included. In addition, the large-sized paper currency, inlcuding private bank notes of this period, are beyond the scope of this article.

The War Divides the Nation

On July 24, 1858 senatorial candidate Abraham Lincoln challenged his opponent, Stephen Douglas, to a series of debates. The result was that Lincoln rose in power and was elected to Congress. As the presidential race approached in 1860, President Buchanan and the Democratic Party were in power. However the dispute between States Rights and the power of the National Government was sharply divided between the Northern and Southern States. The question of slavery created two branches of the Democratic Party. While Douglas, without the support of the Southern Democrats, was nominated as President, a number of other political parties were born. Among these was a new party called The Republican Party. Their candidates were Abraham Lincoln for President and Hannibal Hamlin for Vice President. The division of voters deciding among so many parties assured the Republican Party's candidate, Abraham Lincoln, as the next President of the United States. On receiving the news that Lincoln had won, the Southern States, led by South Carolina, moved to leave the Union giving birth to the Confederate States of America. This was followed with the attack on Fort Sumter on December 26, 1860, and the beginning of the Civil War.

Encased Postage Stamps As Currency

With the shortage of coins at the beginning of the Civil War, the use of United States postage stamps was

This encased postage stamp contains a 10-cent stamp covered by a mica "window" and carries advertising on the back side.

employed. With the suspension of specie payment in December 1861, coins of all types were no longer circulating. Government issued postage stamps began to be used early in 1862. The problem, as you know, stamps when exposed to moisture, were a mess. Soon some enterprising firms in New York adopted Horace Greeley's idea of pasting these stamps on a piece of paper. This idea proved to be impractical.

On August 12, 1862, J. Gault filed for a patent that a small brass disc with a mica window be used to protect the stamp. The Scovill Button Works in Waterbury, Conn. began to produce the stamps in their holders. An additional use was soon realized when advertising was added to be back of these holders. These encased stamps of 1861 were issued in denomination of: 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 24, 30, and 90 cent values. Unfortunately, this plan failed as the government was never able to produce enough stamps to meet the needs of the time. By the summer of 1863, fractional currency notes replaced the encased postage stamps.

Fractional Currency

The transition from the use of postage stamps to fractional currency is easily understood. In fact the first of the five issues of "fractional currency" is called Postage Currency. On July 17, 1862 at the suggestion of Salmon B. Chase, President Lincoln signed into law a bill authorizing the use of stamps as currency. However, as explained above, the post office could not keep up with the demand for these stamps. The Treasury Department began to print the designs of postage stamps for use on the new currency. However these notes had no legal backing because the 1862 law of July 17th applied only to postage stamps. This problem was corrected by the Act of March 3, 1863 which clearly stated the government would issue fractional currency notes.

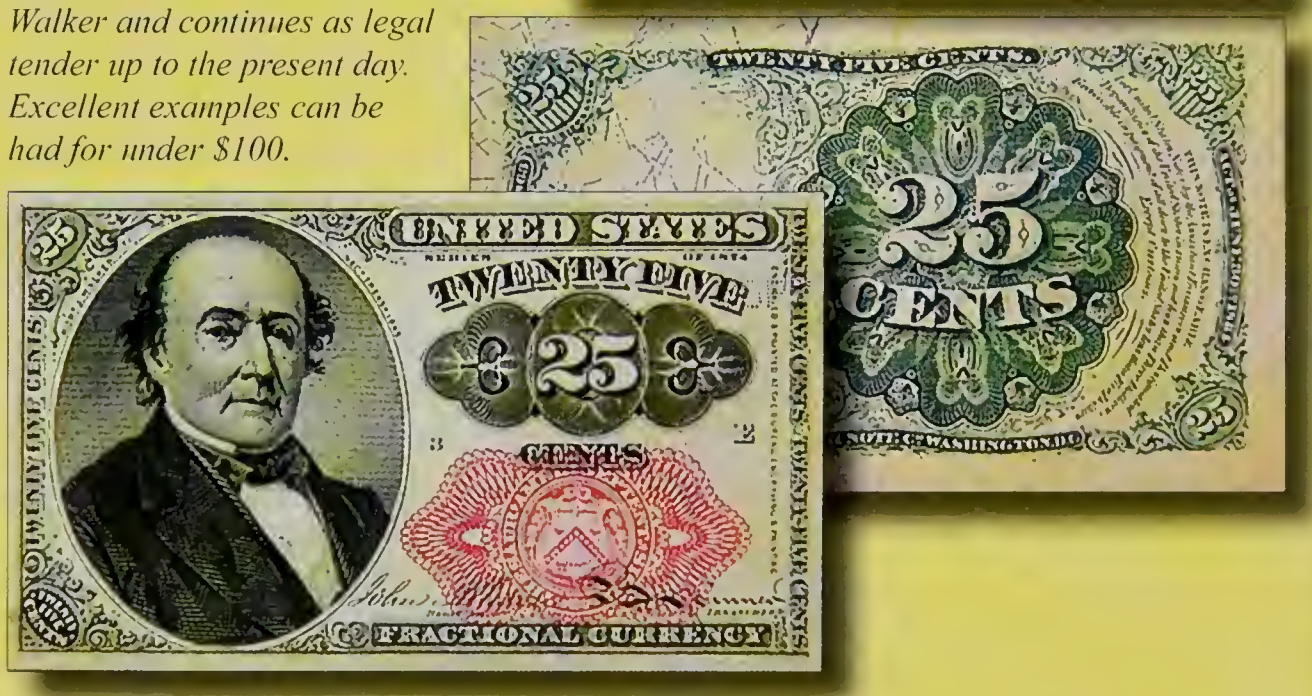
First issue postage currency notes: August 21, 1862 - May 27, 1863.

1. Five Cents, Front, Brown, Portrait of Thomas Jefferson from 5-cent stamp of 1861, Scott, 75. Plain or perforated edge. Back, Black -With or without "ABC", American Banknote Company.

2. Ten Cents, Front, Green, Portrait of George Washington from 10-cent stamp of 1861, Scott, 68. Plain or perforated edge. Back, Black, With or

This five-cent postal currency note featuring Thomas Jefferson was issued in 1862 and 1863. Oddly, the front was printed by the National Bank Note Company, and the back was printed by the American Banknote Company.

This fifth issue twenty-five cent fractional currency note features US Treasurer Robert Walker and continues as legal tender up to the present day. Excellent examples can be had for under $100.



without "ABC", American Banknote Company.

3. Twenty-five Cents, Front, Brown, Five over-lapping Jefferson stamps from the 5-cent note. Back, Black, Similar to the 5-cent note.

4. Fifty Cents, Front, Green, Five overlapping Washington stampsfrom the 10-cent note. Back, Black, Similar to the 10-cent note.

Second issue fractional currency: October 10, 1863 - February 23, 1867.

1. Five Cents, Front, Brown, Portrait of George Washington within a bronze oval. Back, Brown, Large "5" in bronze.

2. Ten Cents, Front, Slate-Gray, Portrait of George Washington within a bronze oval. Back, Green, Large "10" in bronze.

3. Twenty-five Cents, Front, Slate-Gray, Portrait of George Washington

within a bronze oval. Back, Purple, Large "25" in bronze.

4. Fifty Cents, Front, Slate-Gray, Portrait of George Washington within a bronze oval. Back, Red, Large "50" in bronze.

Third issue, December 5, 1864 - August 16, 1869.

1. Three Cents, Front, Black, Portrait of George Washington. Back, Ornate "3" in an oval.

2. Five Cents, Front, Portrait of Spencer Clark, Supt. of National Currency Bureau. When it appeared, Congress immediately banned the portrait of a living person on bank notes. Back, Inscription authorizing exchanve from Treasury Dept.

3. Ten Cents, Front, Black, Portrait of George Washington. Back, Green or red, Large "10" over inscription of authorization.

4. Twenty-five Cents, Front, Black, Portrait of William B. Fesseden, Secretary of the Treasury in 1864. Back, Green or red. Large "25" over inscription of authorization.

5. Fifty Cents, Front, Black, Vignette of "Justice" with scales. Back, Green or red. Large "50" on both ends with authorization in the center.

6. Fifty Cents, Front, Black, F.E Spinner, U.S Treasurer, 1861-1875. See 5 cents, No 2. above regarding living person on notes. Back, Green or red. Same as No. 5 above.

7. Fifty Cents, Front, Black, F.E Spinner similar to No. 6 above. Back, Green, Large "50" in a diametric design.

Fourth Issue, July 14, 1869 - February 16, 1875.

1. Ten Cents, Front, Black, Bust of "Liberty" at the left and United States and ten cents spelled out. Back, Green (National Bank Note Co.). Arabic and Roman numerals with authorization.

2. Fifteen Cents, Front, Black. Figure representing "Columbia" National Bank Note Company. Back, Green, Denomination at both ends. American Bank Note Company.

3. Twenty-five Cents, Front, Black, George Washington to the left with value to the right. National Bank Note Co. Back, Green, Ornate value in center, American Bank Note Co.

4. Fifty Cents, Front, Black, Denomination to the left and portrait of Abraham Lincoln on the right. American Bank Note Company. Back, Green with ornate design and value. National Bank Note Company.

5. Fifty Cents, Front, Black, Image of E. M. Stanton, Lincoln's Secretary of War. Back, Green, Value to the right. American Bank Note Co.

6. Fifty Cents, Front, Black, Portrait of Samuel Dexter, Secretary of War and Treasury, 1800, 1802. Back, Green, Value to the right. National Bank Note Co.

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1. Ten Cents, Front, Black, Portrait of William Meredith, Secretary of the Treasury, 1845, 1850. Back, Green, Ornate design. Columbian Bank Note Co.

2. Twenty-five Cents, Front, Black, Portrait of Robert Walker, Secretary of the Treasury 1845-1849. Back, Green, Ornate value at right. Columbian Bank Note Company.

3. Fifty Cents, Front, Black, Red Treasury Seal, Portrait of William H. Crawford, Treasury Secretary, 1816, 1825. Back, Green, Value in the center.

It Makes Cents:

Hoarding Pre-1982 Cents?

by Dr. Sol Taylor

In a recent national news story, one man had acquired and set aside over 300,000 pre-1982 cents (over 60 bags). The concept is that since the pre-1982 cents are 95% copper and copper is worth about three dollars a pound at the present time and probably will rise in value over time, now is a good time to set aside as many of these bronze cents as possible for a future profitable payoff. From my own observations of scouring through thousands of rolls of cents in recent years, there are about 20% of the circulating cents dated pre-1982. Thus one needs to scour through many bags or thousands of rolls of cents to fill a single bag of these coins.

There are issues to consider in such a venture. First, it takes quite a bit of time to visually scour through a bag of cents. Next, one is assuming that copper, like any commodity, can also increase in value over time—if one looks at gold or silver over the past forty years, the track record on a graph looks like a carnival ride—ups and downs. Next, it is probably illegal to melt current coinage (though no one seems to be affected by the melting of silver pre-1964) coins. Finally, there is no current buy and sell market for bags of pre-1982 cents. Some day there might be. Calculating what a hoarder might derive for his efforts, to acquire a single bag of pre-1982 cents might require buying at least $250 worth of cents either in rolls or bags. Then one would have to spend several hours (or days varying with one's stamina and eyesight) sorting the bronze cents from the later date zinc cents. A small reward would be finding wheat cents in such a large number of rolls or bags—currently my calculations show about four wheat cents per thousand circulating cents. The other chaff includes (based on my 2011 hunt for certain dates and varieties) at least one dime per thousand, three Canadian cents, and two other foreign coins per thousand.

Assuming a bag of pre-1982 cents weighs roughly 33 pounds and copper is three dollars a pound the value of such a bag of cents would be almost $100 (the cent being 95% copper, not pure copper). The face value would be $50 and thus any profit would be also be close to $50. If any hoarder feels that his time and effort for such a reward is worth the effort, then go for it. The additional time is required to count the unneeded coins to fill a bag—a coin counting machine would be almost a necessity—and an expense. That is assuming the value of copper does not drop to pre-1975 levels of $1.50 a pound or less.

It is my opinion as of 2011, such hoarding is either premature or unjustified, and almost certainly unprofitable.

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Prosit Neujahr!

by Dale Hallmark

1936 Bronze 23 mm chimney sweep token by Joseph Prinz. The reverse is blank. The inscription "Ich bringe glück" means "I bring luck".

The Prosit Neujahr tokens is a continuation of a tradition seen on postcards dating back into the 1890s.

Many collectors may be surprised to learn of a national mint that issues tokens and creates custom tokens for anyone willing to pay the fees, but that is exactly what the Austrian Mint in Vienna does. Although ownership of the mint transferred from the central government to the Austrian Central Bank in 1989, the mint still makes all the circulating and collector coins for the country as well as annual tokens and medals.

Beginning in the mid 1930's, (maybe as early as 1934) the mint began issuing "Happy New Year" (*Prosit Neujahr*) tokens. These popular tokens often depict scenes from folktales, include lucky designs, and have inscriptions wishing one, "Happy New Year" as well as, "Good luck". It is a fairly common practice, maybe less so now than in the past, to give one to friends and loved ones on *Silvesterabend* (New Years Eve). Many will carry a good luck token in pocket or purse throughout the year for that little bit of extra luck.

Early tokens were minted in bronze and silver and the reverses were blank or only had a date. They

1937 bronze 23mm New Year's Babe. The reverse has been customized for Neues Wiener Journel *(New Viemia Jomrnal). The inscription "Viel Glück" means* good luck.

1948 Ahmminmm 23 mm token by Adolf Lndwig Hofmann, chief engraver of the Austrian Mint who passed away in 1953.

1955 0.900 Silver 23 mm token marked "HK" (possibly Hans Köttenstorfer). The obverse inscription, "Gnte fahrt ins nuen jahr", translates to, "Have a good journey in the new year". The reverse translates to (top), "Everything shonld snceeed", and (bottom), "I will bring yon lnck."

were designed that way so that the reverse could be the canvas for customers' designs. There are literally hundreds of issues and variations in the series and most are modest in cost, rich with history, have intriguing designs, and have served a multitude of purposes.

Early in 1938, Germany occupied Austria, and the National Socialists were quick to take over civil service jobs which included the mint, and consequently attempting to identify tokens from the Austrian Mint issued between 1939 and 1945 is problematic.

Due to the scarcity of material needed for the war effort bronze was temporarily replaced with zinc. Zinc Austrian tokens from 1946-1947 are easy to acquire but being zinc means

that really nice examples are difficult to locate. By 1948 bronze was again being used for tokens, and aluminum was also popular for a few years.

The mint issued tokens each year and in some early years issued several designs. When a design was issued it was then available afterward to be used by customers. Up through 1959 the tokens were 23 mm in diameter; thereafter and through 2011 they are 21.5 mm. Token designs may exist in both 23 and 21.5 mm, as a regular or custom issue, in various metals, and with obvious variations in design all of which makes them a fun series for the collector. I know of at least 11 distinct major variations for 1949 and that seems to be the rule rather than the exception. They are poorly researched and new variations can be uncovered fairly easily. In later years, tokens were available in proof finish and since at least the 1960's have been also issued in gold.

The Sacher Hotel Tokens

The Sacher Hotel tokens are a complete sub-series (1957-2012) and can stand alone as a very collectible series in their own right. For many years, the Sacher Hotel sent a holiday card to the people on its guest list. The card contains a Happy New Year—Good Luck token. The tradition of mailing a holiday card and token to customers continues today. The tokens are affixed to the holiday card with glue and seem to be used as a thank you, a holiday well-wish, and a reminder (advertisement) of the hotel.

At the beginning in 1957 the hotel tokens were produced at the Austrian Mint, but starting in 1991 or 1992 the tokens came from the company Schwertner und Cie in Graz, Austria. I am unsure of the exact year as it happens the 1991 token is one of the very few I have been unable to collect. So 1990 and before is from the Austrian Mint; 1992 and after is from Schwertner. I really want a 1991! Schwertner tokens are an entirely different collectible series

1968 Gold-plated 21.5 mm Sacher Hotel in Vienna, Austria. This piece depicts the famous Ferris wheel at the Vienna Prater. The tall spire to the right of the Ferris wheel is St. Stephen's Cathedral, and the reverse design is by Kurt Bodlak.

Holiday card with token from the Sacher Hotel, shown with the token-covering flap in both the closed and open positions.

of tokens and they have been issuing them since at least 1953. In recent years Schwertner produces four designs for the year as well as lots of customer issues.

I have a Sacher Hotel holiday card which I received from the hotel in May of 2010; it contains a 2010 token. Normally it would be mailed late in 2009 for the 2009 Christmas-New Year holidays. I wasn't on their mailing list (never stayed at the hotel as it was beyond budget), so I asked to purchase one and they graciously sent me one free with a lot of other literature. It is quite substantial and when closed measures around 7-5/8 inches square. I assume each year to be different but I have never found another…I would like to collect a few. It opens as a tri-fold. The front has a flap window which when opened reveals the token with the reverse visible showing the hotel monogram "S". The token is not enclosed, but is glued to the card though it is easily removed. Having removed glue from a lot of Sacher Hotel tokens it is obvious that they used more powerful glues in the past. I

The Prosit Neujahr tradition is active to a lesser extent in some adjacent countries such as Hungary, Germany and a few others. This Slovak postcard combines two good luck symbols, the chimney sweep and the pigs. In fact, there appears to be a horseshoe on the ground, and I'll bet there's some significance to the foliage the sweep is feeding the pigs, so this particular card is absolutely overflowing with good luck!

1974 0.900 Silver 21.5 mm Engine # 13. The inscription, "Bin ich auch nur klein und rund bring doch glück ich jede stund", roughly translates as "Although I am small and round I will bring you luck all the year round". The piece has the designer's initial "B".

1986 Silver-plated bronze 21.5 mm, Intercontinental Hotel in Vienna. Designer's initials "BK". The front depicts a rider and Lipizzaner stallion from the famous Spanish Riding School in Vienna.

2007 Proof 0.900 silver 21.5 mm token depicting "Froggy" fishing for luck, and it looks like he made a fine catch!

always was curious about the glue and when I got the card...mystery solved.

Attractive for Collectors

Considering the Austrian Mint tokens have been minted from approximately 1934 through today, come in various metals, sizes, design variations, custom and regular issue, proof and normal finishes and have intriguing designs with a story to tell, there is likely to be something of interest to all collectors. I think we could all use a little extra luck at times. What could be luckier than collecting luck?

Editor's Note: I happened to buy an unusual token on Ebay recently, and while trying to find out a little bit about it on the Internet was lucky enough to stumble across www.AustrianCoins.com, a site maintained by Texan Dale Hallmark. I e-mailed him some specific questions, and in addition to answering them completely, imagine my delight when he agreed to my request to provide an article for TCN on this interesting subject as well. Hope you enjoyed it. If you get a chance drop by his Web site and take a peek around...GB

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Check Your Coin IQ!

by Sol Taylor

Who's been paying attention during class? Most of the questions in the following quiz are either items in news articles in recent years, or part of the standard body of knowledge for all numismatists. Grab a pad and pencil, make yourself comfortable, and see how you do...
(Answers on opposite page, upside-down.)

1. In what year did the motto "In God We Trust" first appear on US coins?
   a. 1793 b. 1804 c. 1834 d. 1864

2. Our gold coins minted in the 20th century were ___ karat gold.
   a. 14 b. 18 c. 22 d. 24

3. Prior to the present Secretary of the Treasury, there have been ___ men who have held this position.
   a. 35 b. 46 c. 70 d. 101

4. The first US Mint was built in ___.
   a. Philadelphia b. Boston
   c. New York City d. Washington DC

5. The Pine Tree and Oak Tree shillings were made for the ___ Colony.
   a. Massachusetts b. New York
   c. New Jersey d. Connecticut

6. Which coin has established the highest price paid for a US coin?
   a. 1913 V nickel b. 1804 silver dollar
   c. 1870-S $3 gold d. 1933 double eagle

7. The American Numismatic Association was founded in ___.
   a. 1865 b. 1891 c. 1908 d. 1918

8. Indian money called wampum was made of beads from ___.
   a. clam shells b. glass c. ceramics d. animal bones

9. Continental paper money was probably invented and printed by ___.
   a. Ben Franklin b. Paul Revere
   c. George Washington d. King George III

10. The highest denomination bill issued by the Treasury for general circulation:
a. $100 b. $500 c. $1,000 d. $10,000

11. About ___% of our current paper money production is the $2 bill.
a. zero b. 1 c. 2 d. 3

12. The Ashoka Monument is the national symbol of ___.
a. India b. Burma c. Thailand d. China

13. The animal on the reverse of our Indian head nickels (1913-1938) is the ___.

14. Our first commemorative silver dollar issued in 1900 was to honor ___.
a. Marquis deLafayette b. Christopher Columbus
c. Ponce de Leon d. Thomas Jefferson

15. One pound of pre-1982 cents contains coins.
a. 100 b. 150 c. 200 d. 250

16. Our paper money is made at the ___.
a. US Mint b. Bureau of Engraving and Printing
c. American Banknote Co. d. Franklin Mint

17. The 1974 the Mint experimented with ___ as a substitute for bronze cents.
a. zinc b. tin c. aluminum d. steel

18. The "bible" of United States tokens is authored by ___.
a. Q. David Bowers b. Russell Rulau
c. Chet Krause d. Ed Rochette

19. At 100 kilos, the heaviest government minted coin was produced by ___.
a. Canada b. France
c. Austria d. India

20. The chief engraver of the US Mint is ___.
a. Charles Barber b. Elizabeth Jones
c. Donna Pope d. the position has been eliminated

Answers

Register TCV readers should get at least 90% (18 correct). Give yourself a full point back if less than 60% (12 correct) and you'd better sign up for the $25 summer seminar.

1 d	5 a	9 a	13 a	17 c
2 c	6 d	10 d	14 a	18 c
3 c	7 b	11 b	15 b	19 a
4 a	8 a	12 a	16 b	20 d

Numismatic Luminary

by Jim Hunt

This time we are featuring a numismatic couple who make a great team. They work together at Joel Anderson World Coins, a dealership specializing in world coins and paper money. Joel and Lila Anderson are the proprietors and live in Grover Beach. Their business is mainly mail order or internet, but they occasionally have a bourse table at various coin shows.

Joel was born in Geneva, Switzerland, but has lived in California since the age of 6 weeks. Lila was born into a family of farmers of Italian descent in Merced, and grew up on a farm. Joel and Lila have been married since 1979. They have one daughter, Grace, who is a pilot in the Air Force, and one grandson, Parker. Joel has a BS degree in Economics from Santa Clara University and an MBA from the Amos Tuck School of Dartmouth College. Joel reminds us that his time at Dartmouth is the only time in his life since Geneva that he has not lived in California. Lila has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Santa Clara University. What a great educational combination for a numismatic couple. Joel started selling coins by mail when he was in high school and continued selling coins on a part-time basis until he suffered a downsizing resulting from a corporate reorganization. This event prompted Joel to become a full-time coin dealer. Now Joel can make his own business decisions and work whenever he wants—he gets to choose which 23 of the 24 hours every day to work. His favorite part of the business is researching the story behind each coin and banknote that he offers. Lila says that she was a vocalist before becoming a full-time numismatist.

Lila was originally an avid comic book collector. That changed when she met Joel. Joel started collecting coins in grade school. He discovered that a local coin shop was paying 20 cents each for 1955-S cents and he happened to have three of them. Realizing that this was the easiest money he ever made, he decided that numismatics was the hobby for him. With the cost of US coins exceeding his budget, he moved into world coins. He enjoys the history and stories behind the coins, something he emphasizes on his website (www.joelscoins.com). Joel and Lila have a great deal of family support. Joel notes that when he married Lila, he promised her that she would be surrounded by money. Well, he certainly kept his promise. While Lila's family has accepted her numismatic interests, she has totally embraced the hobby and has played a very active part in numismatics. Even daughter Grace has been involved, sleeping under the bourse tables at coin shows and learning to deal with adults while at a very young age. Lila's

Lila and Joel Anderson at the CSNA convention in Long Beach (October, 2011) where they had a dealer's table and during which Lila celebrated her birthday!

collecting preferences are exonumia and unusual world coins. Joel likes primitive money and anything with a good story. Joel's favorite numismatic story involves a person from India who called multiple times to find out how to redeem a Hell bank note. The person could not seem to understand that Hell bank notes are to be given to dead people and cannot be redeemed. Joel also likes the stories circulated about the colorized Canadian poppy quarter which was supposed to have an imbedded transmitter which could send out information and was referred to as the *spy coin*. Lila enjoys saying that she can tell the location of a coin show by observing the people walking through the door. Gordon Donnell was a mentor of Lila's. She likes to tell of the time he was to give a talk at the Gateway Coin Club, a long way from

Oakland. Lila arranged to have her brother fly Gordon to Merced for the meeting. This was an experience that Gordon never forgot.

Joel and Lila are both very active in numismatic organizations. Both are members of the ANA, CSNA, NCNA, NASC, Gateway Coin Club of Merced, Santa Maria Coin Club, and many more. Joel's first coin club was Numismatics International while in high school and Lila's was the Gateway Coin Club, which she joined in 1986. Both have been vice presidents and presidents of CSNA and the Gateway Coin Club. Lila is now the president of CES and has been a long time member of PCNS, the oldest coin club in the West. Being an active member of numismatic organizations often brings recognition and awards. Joel's most important award is the CSNA Medal of Merit. He has also received the Helen Carmody-Lebo award and a CES Presidential Citation. Lila says her greatest award is the reward of just being one of us. Joel counts his greatest numismatic experience as being able to support himself and his family by selling coins. Lila lists several, having served as president of numismatic organizations, having created designs which were used on medals and tokens, the California state quarter release ceremony and governor's reception, and their daughter Grace becoming involved in numismatics.

Both Joel and Lila have been very active in educating numismatists. Joel uses his website and catalogs as an educational tool to make numismatics fun. Rather than just listing coins and notes, Joel says, "I try to emphasize why an item is fun, historical, or some of the economics related to the issue." Both Joel and Lila are published authors. Lila has published articles in WIN (Women In Numismatics). She was also the advertising manager for *CalCoin News* and TCN for many years. Joel has written and published numerous articles on world coins. His published articles can be found in *CalCoin News* and TCN as well as local coin club publications. A few of Joel's articles can be found on his website. Joel has given numerous talks at local coin clubs on a wide range of topics from "The Value of Women" to "2000 Years of Iraq History". He also gave the very well received presentation "John Law and the Mississippi Bubble" at a CSNA Educational Symposium a few years ago. Both Joel and Lila have exhibited at coin shows and have won a number of awards. Joel notes that it is very difficult to both set up a bourse table and to set up an exhibit at a coin show. As many of you know, Joel writes and produces the annual play for CSNA Thespians for the Northern California CSNA convention. In past years, Joel reprinted out-of-print and out-of-copyright books, particularly those dealing with far-eastern numismatics.

What advice does this numismatic couple have to share with beginning collectors? Lila says there is a Zen to collecting. Collect what you enjoy, everything else comes from that. You won't regret it. Joel adds: have fun! Collecting should be for enjoyment and relaxation. Though one can make money with their coin collection, it should not be viewed as an investment. If someone drinks a bottle of wine for enjoyment, they don't expect to then be able to sell it at a profit. Sounds like some great advice to me.

BGCCC Youth enjoy a hands-on educational session on odd & curious money.

Boys and Girls Club of Conejo Valley Coin Club Celebrates 1st Anniversary

The January meeting of the Boys and Girls Club of Conejo Valley Coin Club marked it's first birthday with gleeful fanfare and an "America The Beautiful" quarter to all 16 youth in attendance courtesy of the NASC.

The club was established and is facilitated by NASC President Jerry Yahalom and ANA Vice President Walt Ostromecki. Both pitched the idea of a coin club to the staff of the Boys and Girls Club which was met with an enthusiastic *yes*! As the kids and staff spread the word around interest and attendance has grown.

Ostromecki commented, "We've had as many as twenty-six kids in attendance for our monthly educational numismatic talks. Some of our topics have included odd and curious, the Lincoln cent, foreign coins, US state quarters, US paper money; the US mint and a special 'my country of origin' youth numismatic show and tell." All youngsters go home with numismatic items related to the topic and get to search through a bag of Lincoln cents to pick out five to fill holes in their Whitman folders graciously donated by Steve Gorman of Universal Coin Galleries.

Yahalom explained we need to do more than just talk when it comes to promoting our numismatic hobby to the next generation of collectors. He and Walt joined forces and are committed to sharing their love of numismatics with youth of all ages. Perhaps their numismatic spark may bring about a future hobby giant, a national hobby leader, author-researcher, dealer, or even an NASC president.

Anyone wishing to donate any hobby materials may bring them to the next NASC meeting or otherwise get them to Jerry or Walt.

Robert Belleau Receives ANA Presidential Award

Robert W. Belleau, Sr., current president of the Fairfield Coin Club was honored by ANA President Thomas Hallenbeck with a Presidential Award during the 25th anniversary Christmas party hosted by the Fairfield Coin Club (FCC) and the Vallejo Numismatic Society at the Anheuser-Bush Brewery in Fairfield.

Current governor and past president of the ANA, Clifford Mishler, served

as the evening's MC while current VP, Walt Ostromecki, handled the ANA recognition and awards presentation on behalf of President Hallenbeck.

Mr. Belleau was cited for his unwavering selfless dedication to the betterment of the Northern California numismatic community through the FCC where his passion and drive to introduce and educate the next generation of young collectors has resulted in a bounty of new youngsters and parents joining the hobby and club. He, along with the club's youth activities coordinator, Tammy Quenega, have helped foster a successful and growing youth hobby base within the club—now numbering nearly 20.

In addition, Mr. Belleau has graciously coordinated the club's yearly local public outreach coin show, promoted the ANA's National Coin Week to local schools, libraries and other businesses; donated countless numismatic items to youth and the club; held various FCC leadership positions since the late 1990's; worked as a volunteer at the ANA 2011 National Money Show, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, Northern California Numismatic Association; and served as the Fairfield host at the joint yearly Christmas Party since 2001. He has been honored by both clubs with service awards and was the 2004 recipient of the prestigious "Joint Plaque" (a yearly service award voted upon by the joint membership of both clubs). He has also received an "ANA Certificate of Numismatic Excellence Award" in 2003 for work with the National Representative Program.

Approximately 90 individuals from several coin clubs in Northern California attended this year's jubilee celebration.

Howard Dean Wesely II 3/1/1959 - 1/14/2012

Angels Camp, CA—

Howard was born in Great Falls, Montana, but most of his life was spent in Modesto where he became a chess master at a young age. Upon graduation from Grace Davis High School Howard attended Whittier College majoring in Political Science. With an avid interest in coins, he chose a career in numismatics, a passion he shared with his father.

In 1993 Howard opened Calaveras Coins and Collectibles in the heart of the legendary Mother Lode in historic Angels Camp.

Howard was a purveyor of fine coins, bullion and other historic Americana. With over 40 years experience in the numismatic marketplace, a deep passion for history, and an unbridled enthusiasm for rare coins, tokens, and currency, he provided collectors of all levels with quality, accurately graded, eye-appealing specimens of exceptional value. A walking encyclopedia on most collectibles, Howard provided his customers with knowledge, integrity and confidential, friendly service.

Howard's untimely death has been a shock and his loss will affect us for many years. Howard leaves behind his wife Merinna, two step children, his mother, two sisters, two nieces, a nephew, aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held at 11am, January 24, at Angels Memorial Chapel in Angels Camp. A Celebration of Life reception was held at the Gun Club in Angels Camp.

Ebay Making Some Changes

In mid-January Ebay sent out a notice stating that effective February 20th they would be updating their coin policy to eliminate all "replica coin" listings. They report they will be working with PNG in this endeavour, and would allow any replica coin listings to expire.

The release appears to imply that replica coins with "copy" imprinted on them as required by the Hobby Protection Act will therefore no longer be able to be listed on Ebay. Confusingly, the news release goes on to state, "This update better reflects standards across the coin industry, and helps ensure compliance with applicable laws that require replica coins to be permanently marked with the word, 'copy.'" It seems odd to mention the marking of "copy" if such listings would be disallowed anyway.

As I write this in late-February, I see that Gallery Mint Museum articles with "copy" on them are still being listed, so I assume that the new policy primarily gets invoked for those pesky Chinese counterfeits that seem to vex everyone these days. Fine by me, but I wonder who will become the keeper of the keys for allowing some auction lots but not others.

To help clear up the confusion, I've visited the official Ebay Coin Policy page and I see that replica coins marked as "copy" *are* allowed, though there is a prohibition on *any* Canadian reproduction coin or currency listings, regardless of markings.

Changes at the Mint

A recent e-mail from states that the United States Mint has established a new design and engraving department and is taking applications to fill a chief engraver's position to manage four divisions within the department.

The design and engraving department was created, in part, in response to issues and concerns about the coin and medal design review process raised by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee. CCAC members recommended that the Mint do something about improving the design process and the designs that are generated.

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Coinage Reform

A petition to reform our coinage gained 6,133 signatures and an official response from the US Department of the Treasury. The petition, open for signatures from September 22, 2011, until January 18, 2012, read:

"We petition the Obama administration to...reform the coinage system.

"We believe that it would be in our economy's best interest to form a new coinage standard. This standard would consist of three coins: a ten-cent coin, a fifty-cent coin, and a one dollar coin. This standard would open up new efficiencies in both everyday economic life, and in government spending.

"According to the US Mint, in 2010 a single one-cent coin cost 1.79 cents to produce and distribute. Minting 3,487 million pennies in 2010 cost the US taxpayer $27.5 million in order to subsidize the existence of the penny.

"There is a similar situation with nickels. A single five-cent coin cost 9.16 cents to produce and distribute in 2010.

"We waste valuable time handling coins that aren't worth much. Getting rid of these coins could save us up to $1 billion annually in lost opportunity costs."

The reply by Treasurer of the United States Rosie Rios read in part:

"...Vice President Biden and Treasury Secretary Geithner recently announced that the United States Mint is suspending the production of Presidential $1 Coins for circulation in light of the Federal Reserve Banks' inventories of 1.4 billion $1 coins. This measure will reduce costs by at least $50 million annually...

"One potential way to reduce the cost of the penny and nickel—as well as the cost of the other coin denominations—is by changing the composition of those coins to more cost-effective materials. The compositions...are set by law in the Coinage Act of 1965 (as well as other laws passed by Congress). Since that time, the material costs of those coins have increased substantially, while the face value of each denomination has remained constant.

"To help address this issue, in 2010, the President signed into law the Coin Modernization, Oversight, and Continuity Act. This law provides the Secretary of the Treasury with the authority to conduct research and development for alternative metallic coinage materials and requires the Secretary of the Treasury to make recommendations to Congress on potential new alloys. Since the law's enactment, the United States Mint has been actively engaged in research and development work to find more economical metallic materials for our coinage.

"The President also proposed legislation that would provide the Secretary of the Treasury the authority to prescribe the weights and compositions of all circulating coins. If enacted, this legislation would enable the United States Mint to manufacture the Nation's coins at significantly lower costs..."

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ANA Report

by Jim Hunt

The next National Money Show will be held in downtown Denver, May 10-12, at the Colorado Convention Center. The World's Fair of Money will be held in Philadelphia, August 7-11, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. This will be the last World's Fair of Money to be held in a city other than Chicago until 2016.

The theme of National Coin Week, April 15-21, 2012, will be "Change in Money, Cowries to Credit Cards". ANA members are invited to get involved by promoting the hobby in our communities and by participating in special events. A variety of promotional materials can be found at www.money.org. ANA members are encouraged to send images and articles showcasing their National Coin Week activities to ncw@money.org for possible publication in *The Numismatist*. Information for club participation can also be obtained by calling (719) 482-9814.

The ANA Summer Seminars will be held June 23-29, and June 30-July 6, 2012. For information call (719) 482-9850. In addition to the main courses, there will be a number of mini-seminars and optional excursions for attendees. There are a variety of lodging arrangements to accommodate every need. These courses are a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of numismatics, learning directly from the experts.

The Money Museum has received a 1792 half disme from a California

dealer. The coin is valued at more than $220,000. The coin, donated by Steven L. Contursi, will be on display at the National Money Show in Denver.

An arrest has been made of a former ANA employee who absconded with almost a $1 million worth of coins from the ANA Money Museum in 2007. Wyatt E. Yeager, who was employed as a collections manager from January through March 2007, stole approximately 300 rare coins from the museum. The coins included such rarities as a 1795 half eagle, an Australian 1813 holey dollar, and an 1836 Gobrecht dollar. The theft was not discovered until October 2007. He sold the coins at various auctions in Baltimore, St. Louis, Melbourne, Australia, and in Germany. The stolen coins are apparently covered by insurance. The thief faces a substantial prison sentence, restitution, and a fine. The ANA is assessing its security needs to prevent any future thefts.

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Youth Corner

by Michael S. Turrini
CSNA Youth Numismatist Coordinator

Hello! Welcome to another "Youth Corner"!

CSNA President Gary Beedon has directed me to continue, as best as possible, being our CSNA youth numismatist coordinator. While the issues of our state's large size and diversity, plus the limited CSNA junior membership, along with most local coin clubs not having an active and organized youth contingent, this directive can prove a challenge. But, once in a while, there is something good!

Recently, thanks to the encouragement of President Beedon, I had the honor to recognize two young men who have founded and successfully facilitated a coin club at their high school, taking the initiative and effort on their own! Michael A. Merilles, 17, and Mason L. Merilles, 16, senior and junior respectively, at Sierra High School in Manteca were presented CSNA President's Medals for their endeavor during the Delta Coin Club's Annual Dinner, on January 13. I did the honors and represented President Beedon.

Mike began the Sierra High School Coin and Currency Club last year as a junior, and the club has a membership of forty or so with attendance of twelve to fifteen at the monthly meetings held at the high school. Mike feels the success for his club is founded in two points: publicity, getting the word out to fellow students, and timing, scheduling meetings after school or during lunch, which is convenient. With some members being involved with sports and other high school activities, having a balanced time to meet is imperative. Mike believes that "getting them started" is more important than trying to "get deep into the hobby", particularly as there is a financial issue among youth hobbyists. In addition, Mike, along with his brother Mason, has made sure that there is something for the members in "freebies", and thanks to the generosity of the Stanislaus County Coin Club and the ANA the members have received free books, stock certificates, and other gifts.

Mike graduates this June and is looking forward to higher education, and Mason intends to continue and to lead the club next year. Both recommend that young hobbyists begin with state quarters, territorial quarters, Lincoln cents, and the like, all from circulation.

Mike is proud that the club will have a full page coverage in this year's

From left: Mike Merilles, Michael Turrini, and Mason Merilles.

Timber Wolf, the Sierra High School's yearbook. He may be reached at Mkmerilles14@gmail.com.

Sidebar: At this annual dinner, Loris D. Enzminger, in respect for her 40 years of service and support to the Delta Coin Club, was elevated as the club's treasurer emeritus. Congratulations, Loris!

Continuing, and building on my last "Youth Corner", throughout northern California there are several local coin shows that as CSNA's youth numismatist coordinator I help staff a combination youth and information table. The Cupertino Coin Club, Delta Coin Club, Fairfield Coin Club, Fremont Coin Club, Peninsula Coin Club, and Livermore Valley Coin Club, plus the Vallejo Numismatic Society regularly welcome this presence. Thanks to the support of the ANA and other sources, hobby information is readily available at these tables.

It is my conclusion that a combination table consolidating resources into one place enhances the opportunity to meet and to mingle with more than youngsters. These tables often answer questions, provide guidance, and serve as a venue to pause and just talk. It seems that these tables become akin to an African waterhole: everyone congregates and has something to say or to ask!

While distance and the rising price of gasoline are factors, the opportunity to add our local coin shows to those aforementioned would be welcomed. The only specifications are an eight-foot table with some backup space located near the entrance, plus chairs. A request at least a few months in advance would be appreciated. Inquiries may be at EMPERORI@juno.com or telephoned at 707-246-6327.

Closing, as usual, comments and reports of youth and emerging hobbyist activities and happenings would be invited. One of the intentions of this quarterly youth corner would be a clearinghouse and dissemination vehicle. Write to PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410.

Lastly, here is a thought for us to ponder: "Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present."—Albert Camus.

Remember: Have fun with your hobby! Always serve others! Enjoy your collecting! And, create hope and do good!

Goings On

by Greg Burns

Sorry, no NASC election material to report. We still haven't conducted it (due last year) and I've seen no progress yet in providing a slate and biographies for publication in TCN, but am told it should all be complete in time for the officer's installation in August at the Golden State Coin Show (GSCS). Keep your finger's crossed.

Sorry, no CSNA Northern Semi-Annual Convention report to provide as one wasn't held (in recent years we'd held them in conjunction with the San Jose Coin Club's annual show). I am told there will be a board and general meeting in Coalinga on April 21st at the Best Western Big Country Inn, and plan on being there to capture all the hubbub. Keep your finger's crossed.

As noted last year, the NASC Awards Ceremony is now held in August at the GSCS, so there's no report on that yet, either. No need to cross your fingers on this one. And with the CSNA Educational Symposium still in the future (at the time of writing this column anyway), I can't go on about that.

If you're concluding by now that I don't really have anything to say regarding the two associations, you'd be right. While there isn't much activity right now to report upon, I can hope these doldrums are simply an indication of the general wintery malaise, and that just as the springtime buds will soon shoot forth, our organizations' leaders will likewise blossom with ideas for new activities and events for us to enjoy.

Oh, I *do* have some news from CSNA Treasurer Roy Iwata. He's forwarded the 1/31/12 statement showing that the money bucket stands at $59,141.73. That includes the profit from the 2011 convention in Long Beach, though I don't have an updated accounting of how much that contributed to the pile.

As a reminder, the NASC is having a board meeting on May 6th at 11am at the Masonic Center located at 50 W. Duarte Road in Arcadia. And I already told you about the Coalinga CSNA session, so you're forewarned there as well. I guess we're pretty well wrapped up at this point.

So, as a special compensation for not having anything interesting to occupy you with in this issue's column, I've prepared a little puzzle for you on the facing page. It won't long challenge hardened crossword aficionados, but it should provide for a mild burst of entertainment. Just enough to get you through to the next association meeting you can attend, and that's where the real entertainment will be (grin).

Ciao for now...

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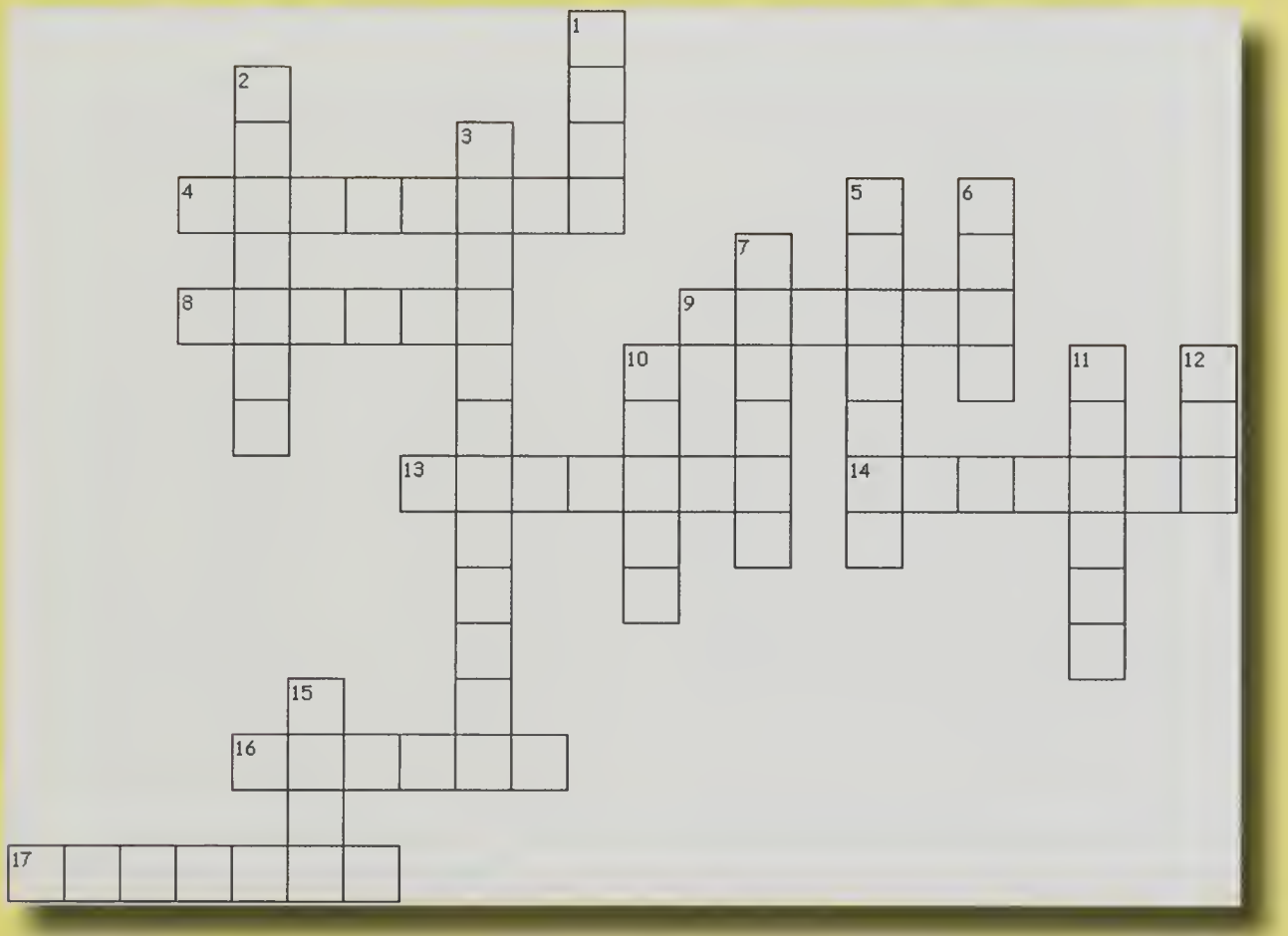

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1. Coin-making facility
2. Primarily worth metal value only
3. Mint city
5. US coin guide
6. Primary cent metal
7. Branch mint city
10. Handsomest editor *ever*
11. Designed a silver dollar
12. Used to impress coins
15. Special type of carved nickel

Across

4. Coin blank
8. Main metal in five-cent piece
9. CSNA President
13. Coin back
14. Coin front
16. One hundred cents
17. NASC President

We Get Letters...

On-Line PDF Opinions

Greg,

...If your question about my opinion of the full PDF refers to what I think about the decision to put only the three pages on the web site, I feel the three pages is sufficient for the readers. The necessity of needing to access every page on the web site before the magazine actually arrives in the mail, is, to me, not that critical...

—Len Ratzman

I know that it is cheaper to send the TCN by e-mail, but it is one publication that my husband reads over and over. I can just tuck it into my purse or pocket when we go to doctor's offices, and he has something that he enjoys reading while we wait...Thank you, by the way, for posting old issues on line. I can increase the font size so that my husband can read it. He enjoys doing that...

—Jean Myles

(Note: I uploaded one of the older TCNs to a new Web site to try out their "reading experience". Browse over to http://issuu.com/csna/docs/tcn201003, and take a look for yourself... GB)

Confirmation on Leonora Donald's Passing

(Note: last issue I ran an obituary on Leonora because I was uncertain whether the item was true... GB)

That was Leonora. I thought Harold [Katzman] would let you know what info I had. She was from Tarzana and I called her probably about two years before she died; she did not know me at first and was sort of out of it then. Her son, JD, and I talked also when they lived in Palmdale. He was with Hughes, but was born in 1940 so I presume he retired from there and then moved to La Palma. No, Leonora did not have any more NASC stuff as Phil [Iversen] must have been the last person to actually see her when he picked up the stuff from her, minus the full collection of silver medals that were stolen. [NASC Meeting] Minutes should show all that as I brought it up, with Phil's info, there were *no* medals with the stuff and Phil verified that. La Palma is a long ways from Tarzana and I presume she went with JD, as if she had gone to a rest home near Tarzana it would *not* be in OC. I do not have any telephone number for JD... She was 11 months older than I; I know she was born in 1919. I am sorry if you did not get any info from me, but I really have been under the weather since Thanksgiving. Buried my precious spoiled rotten dachsie on November 22nd and then got the flu the day after Thanksgiving, and it was

almost all I could bear. I am still not completely myself, but am going to make it to 92 I think.

Happy New Year to you and Elena,

—Nona Moore

Hey, Some Good News!

On a positive note for the numismatic business, and for the 11th year in a row, gold has closed at a higher level than the close of the previous year.

This certainly has been influenced by worldwide economic policy and the continued deterioration of fiat currencies.

Below is the last-day-of-the-year quotes for gold.

2000 -- $273.60
2001 -- $279.00
2002 -- $348.20
2003 -- $416.10
2004 -- $438.40
2005 -- $518.90
2006 -- $638.00
2007 -- $838.00
2008 -- $889.00
2009 -- $1096.50
2010 -- $1421.40
2011 -- $1566.80

Very unusual!

—Michael Aron

Which Version InDesign?

Hi Greg,

I enjoyed your article about putting together our journal.

I'm thinking of purchasing Adobe InDesign to do my own layout for my upcoming books, and I'm wondering which version you have. I've been reading reviews of the latest version, 5.5, and it seems that people are having trouble installing it without major complications. I've also found reviews of version 3 from a few years ago, and users were even then advising people to stay with the older version 2.0.

Is this software always that difficult to install?

—David W. Lange

Hi Dave,

I don't think it's hard to install at all, though I use CS5. I haven't had a compelling reason to upgrade to 5.5, though when CS6 comes out shortly I'll upgrade to that (my employer buys it for me). If there's anything "difficult" about the Adobe products, it's that they can have an intimidating learning curve for the more advanced features, and for those used to Microsoft Office products, the Adobe equivalents are not always exactly intuitive. But once you've made the intellectual investment to learn them, I think you'll find they're incredibly powerful, and make it relatively easy to accomplish all the things you'd like to (and I'm speaking of the three CS pieces I use most: InDesign, Photoshop, and Illustrator).

While the older versions are still every bit as good as when they first came out, I think the latest version is usually the better choice in all the Adobe products. The latest version has more features, minor bugs are fixed (though sometimes new ones pop up), and they're generally more powerful and work better. Plus the current support effort is always focused on the newer version, so I've never had a problem getting answers to my questions when they come up.

And installation? It's a breeze...

Regards,

Greg

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Ginny's Gleanings: Happy New Year! I am delighted to add San Bernardino Coin Club to our list of clubs from Southern California (c'mon Covina, I haven't heard from you.). 2012 is also the year San Diego Numismatic Society celebrates its 75th anniversary! It is the second oldest club west of the Mississippi River (Pacific Coast Numismatic Society – PCNS is the oldest). SDNS is going to have a bronze medal. Congratulations! "I have learned that success is measured not so much by the position one has reached in life as by the obstacles he has overcome"—Booker T. Washington. Keep those cards and letters coming.

Jeff's Comments: The successful life of a coin club depends upon active participation from the membership. Most clubs have a select few who regularly contribute to the success of their club. If you have not taken a leadership role in some capacity at your local coin club now is the time to step up and volunteer. Time is ticking away, don't delay another day. I have a new physical address. My address has changed from 7737 to 7732. I have moved across the street. If your club mails newsletters to me please ask them to update my address.

Club Reports...

WHITTIER COIN CLUB members were treated to a program on movie memorabilia (including autographs, posters, etc.) presented by **Sharon Arnt** in November. In October, **Roy Iwata** brought in *Exposition Memorabilia*, displaying items from the 1893 Expo to the 1915 Expo. **Phil Chang** shared his complete collection of *Palestine Mandate Coins* from 1927-1946. **Bob Fink** did *not*

bring his 300-pound unique penny-pitching machine but did talk about it. The silent auction was the featured event in December from member donated items. In January, **Bob Miller** spoke on *Vintage Slot Machines*. The early machines are very ornate and only paid off in gum or candy!

VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB celebrated the holidays with an action-packed *Holiday Party*. Ten games of *Bing-O* were held with winners of one thru nine each winning a half-ounce silver round, and the tenth game winner, a 2-1/2 gold peso coin. New 2012 officers were installed by **Judge Tom Redmond**. They are **President Don Berry**, **1st Vice President John Duff**, **2nd Vice President Jeff Klemzak**, **Secretary Tammy Berry**, **Treasurer Walt Ostromecki**, **Assistant Treasurer Mike Baldwin**, and **Editor Bob Thompson**. Members are working hard for the 47th annual show in March with a youth auction.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY reported their *18th Annual Maxine M. Hopperstad Auction* was a success generating $644 in donations. They also held their *25th Silver Jubilee Joint Christmas Party* at the Fairfield Anheuser-Busch Brewery. **Past ANA President Cliff Mishler** traveled to California to be the master of ceremonies. A great time was held by all who attended. **VNS Editor Michael S. Turrini** gave a talk titled *Five Minutes of Factoids from Washington On*, a quick and humorous summary of presidential facts, fantasies and fallacies.

UPLAND COIN CLUB held its annual *White Elephant* sale in November to raise money for the Christmas party prizes in December. *Other Hobby Night* was also on the agenda in November. **Tony Micciche** collects cookbooks, **Genevieve Wampler** instant winner prizes and scrapbooking, and **Don Foster** collects paintings. Lucky **Ron Stone** won the 50/50 purse. The Christmas party featured bingo and a potluck. Gifts valued at $10 were exchanged. **Gil Ayres** won the 50/50 drawing. **Garret Burke**, California quarter designer, presented the January program providing insight into the designs chosen for the state quarter series.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB meets twice a month and has been conducting an auction at both meetings. They are changing their format and replacing one auction each month with an open bourse where all members can set up and sell their coins like a mini coin show; interesting idea! SCCC how has a presence on Facebook. **President Aaron Brown** announced in his monthly column that he proposed marriage to member **Brandilyn Gilmer** last month and she actually said, "Yes". Congratulations, Aaron! **L. Randal Solomon** followed his presentation on *Nicknamed Banknotes* with a presentation on *Nicknamed Coins*. The club published in their newsletter information about what is available on their web site which is maintained by **Daniel Brown** as well as information on how to place a business ad and a classified ad.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB Vice President Bill M. gave a presentation on *Two-Cent Pieces*. Bill started collecting two-cent pieces after finishing his Lincoln

cent collection. The SJCC introduced rules for nominating individuals for the San Jose Coin Club Hall of Fame. Pioneer member **Rudy Gjurovich** shall be given first place in the Hall of Fame. The club is soliciting additional member recommendations for their prestigious recognition. Member **Ed Sins** gave a talk on *The Granite Lady, the San Francisco Mint.*

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB Editor and Secretary Lyle Okamoto informed SFCC members that their no-host dinner will be held at the Tennessee Grill again this year. The club conducts a silent auction at each meeting. The SFCC is a small club but they are a loyal group.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY had a potluck at the December meeting. **Dave Jones** furnished delicious ham, and **Ken Spindler** brought his very popular lasagna dish. The installation dinner at Coco's was very well attended. **Jim Wells** gave a Powerpoint presentation of the *War of 1812*. The talk whetted our appetites and all are looking forward to his much longer presentation at the CSNA symposium in March. **President Jim Hunt** is proudly working on the SDNS' 75th Anniversary medal. SDNS is the second oldest club west of the Mississippi River.

SAN BERNARDINO COIN CLUB enjoyed a special presentation at their November meeting from **Cindy Mohon**, owner of P & M Rare Coins & Memorabilia, on the subject of *Liberty and Racketeer Type Nickels*. Members enjoyed a free Christmas dinner catered by the Original Cottage Family Restaurant. In January, **Norris Turner** did a *Grade that Coin* challenge with a nice prize to the winner. Thank you, SBCC for sending me your very informative bulletins.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Corresponding Secretary James Haney penned an interesting note about President Lincoln who in 1863 made a proclamation establishing Thanksgiving Day, not to celebrate a feast of Pilgrims and native Americans, but as a day to be thankful for our blessings, both as a people and a nation, during the Civil War. **Patti Waite** provided a presentation on *Women on Coins*. The presentation covered historical females both factual, mythical, and figurative. The SVCC is moving their annual coin show to a new location—actually an old location—back to the Elks Lodge off of Riverside Avenue where they used to host their coin shows some 20 years ago.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB thanked **Lee Gong** and G&G Market for preparing their Thanksgiving pot luck main course items. The RECC newsletter has a "Kids Korner" section devoted to items of interest to young coin collectors. Member **Merle Avila** talked about the presidential dollar and President Obama's directive for the mint to stop making them except for collectors.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB thanked **Ron Ikebe** for paying for breakfast for the early morning coin show volunteer workers. January of each year the RECC

auctions two sets of four off-metal strikes of their club medals. Sounds like an interesting way to recoup the costs of producing coin club medals. I wonder how much money they typically sell for? Unfortunately that was not reported. The PCC's most recent coin show went smoothly, but the club reported that they lost about $150. Recent club discussion themes were, "Predictions for 2012 precious metal prices," and, "Would you sign a petition that seeks a complete overhaul of the US coinage, one based solely on the dime, half dollar and dollar?"

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY is the oldest numismatic organization in the west. Since **Bill Hyder** has taken over publishing their newsletter the photography and presentation of their publication is very impressive. **Stephen Huston** presented *Big Money*, a talk focused on coin sizes and why they changed through time. Noted numismatist **Jeff Shevlin** traveled from Sacramento to San Francisco and gave a Powerpoint presentation covering *Charbneau So-Called Dollars from the Golden Gate International Exposition held in San Francisco 1939-1940*. A talk on *The Double Florin 1887-1890* was given by **Dan Hipple**, covering Great Britain's unsuccessful attempt to introduce decimal coinage. Bill Hyder presented a talk titled *The PPIE Official Medal* developed by him and Jeff Shevlin based on an article they prepared for *The Numismatist*. The presentation exposed for the first time different varieties of the official medal produced by the US Mint and sold by Farren Zerbe at the PPIE.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN members enjoyed their annual potluck holiday party complete with gift exchange. **Larry Buck** provided BBQ'd turkey, enjoyed by all. Members were also asked to bring in *Show and Tell* items. **Garrett Burke**, California quarter designer, presented an outstanding program in November on the quarter program. **Al Hoogeveen** gave a talk on *Virginia City and Carson City Mints* in February. Members are planning for their *Super Raffle* in April. Members donate numismatic items to the club. This is a very popular event.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION is taking nominations for their 2012 Miller Medal; the deadline is June 30th. Their newsletter continues to have great information on the activities of their member clubs. NCNA recently reprinted an article titled *Ten Steps for a Great Coin Club – Your Program Director's View*, originally written by noted Canadian numismatist **Dan Gosling** of the Ottawa Coin Club. He identified ten steps that, if followed, would be sure to make any club more successful.

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB members learned much about *German Notgeld* notes from **Jerry Kleeb** at their December meeting. The variety of notes is staggering. The banquet at Coco's in Cerritos was very well attended. **Brad Yonaka** discussed the *Coinage of the Empire of Ethiopia* in January. Brad had a wide array of pictures on this subject to share also. In February, **Arri Jacob** taught about the *Gold Bullion of the French Indo China and Republic of Vietnam*

– *1925-1975*. Members were also on hand to man their booth at the recent Long Beach Expo.

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO members were awed by **Joe Yager's** Powerpoint presentation of *Shooting Medals of the Swiss Confederation* at the November meeting. The artwork on these medals is extraordinary! **Ken Berger**, a recognized expert on coinage of the Philippines, did an outstanding program on *Philippine Currency of World War II* at the December meeting. The banquet in January was held at Coco's and special guest **Mike Ontko** gave a wonderful talk on the topic, *It's Good To Be King – A Survey of the Coinage of Louis XIV of France*. As usual **Bob Fritsch** provided challenging quizzes in keeping with the various monthly themes.

HEMET NUMISMATISTS elected their 2012-13 officers in November. They are **President Ken Busby, Vice President Jim Phillips, Secretary Dot Williams, and Treasurer Bob Kozel**. At the November meeting, Jim Phillips demonstrated how to display and/or frame treasured numismatic items. He brought his wife **Cathy's** coveted framed and mounted Olympic torch she carried at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. Bob Kozel brought in an over-sized $100 note. The new officers were installed at the Christmas luncheon at Mimi's. **Ken and Ellen Busby** were awarded the Trumpower Award for all their hard work and dedication. Congratulations! **Jason MacDonald** was recognized for setting up and maintaining the club website. Ken Busby presented the February program, *Silver Eagles*.

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB sponsored a very successful one-day show in December. The annual Christmas party was held in the New Frontier Mobile Home Community combining a potluck with a donation auction. The members look forward to this party all year and save up lots of goodies for it. Tyler's Taste of Texas will be the setting for the installation dinner in February. New officers are **President Ken Stempien, First Vice President Andrew Woodruff, Second Vice President Joe Swinko, Junior Vice President Cole Schenewerk, Treasurer Diane Barbieri, Recording Secretary Ginny Bourke,** and **Corresponding Secretary Joyce Darnell**.

GLENDALE COIN CLUB reporst that their recent coin show was a big success. They were also able to get a great deal on some silver rounds, which will be used as prizes for the annual *Coin-O* games. Winner number five shares a 50/50 purse with the club. The meeting in December was a holiday party time complete with appetizers, turkey with all the fixings, and a plethora of desserts enjoyed and consumed by all. In November Greg Burns presented a *Silver-Coin Quiz* taken from the August 1955 issue of *The Numismatist*. The winner got a nice prize. **Gregg Berkovitz** spoke at the February meeting on *US Paper Money*. Gregg is an expert and dealer in this field.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB currently meets twice a month, but is looking at ideas to reinvigorate the club and is considering changing the club meetings to once a month, perhaps starting a little earlier in the evening, and is considering other suggestions from the membership. The club will no longer be meeting at the Citibank community room since it is being converted to a training center.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY celebrated their 65th anniversary at their annual Christmas banquet which was coordinated by **Banquet Chairperson Ruth Phillips**. The club reported that their most recent coin show was not as successful as past shows had been, but explained that many clubs have had less successful shows in the past few years. Coin Show Chairman Ruth Phillips thanked everyone who worked at the show. **Past FNS President Bill February** penned an article titled *My Two Favorite Coins* which covered an 1875 CC twenty-cent piece and an 1819-P bust half dollar, both of which were previously owned by his father. **President Ken Richter** told the membership about his recent cruise with his wife through the Panama Canal; sounds like it was a great trip. **Secretary/Editor Randy Clifton** thanked Ruth Phillips for stepping in for him as secretary/editor for the past six months.

FREMONT COIN CLUB congratulated **Ray Kowalski** for receiving the NCNA President's Medal which was presented to him by **NCNA President Harry Davis**. Very special thanks were given to **Vince and Barbara Lacariene** for donating a gold prize and other items for the children's Christmas stockings. Boy Scout troop #33 attended a recent meeting and seven boy scouts were working on their numismatic scout badges. Special speaker for the February meeting was **Michael Turrini** who gave a talk entitled *Tools of the Trade*. Michael went over some of the supplies and tools that most collectors use.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB member **Bill Bartz** reminded the membership about the *1976 $2 High-Low Contest* with notes that have the highest or lowest serial numbers. Several members attended **Scott Griffin's** *Sunday Club* at his office in Fairfield to hear a program on the *British Banking System* and how it relates to the US banking system. The FCC newsletter has a section title "Youth Corner" devoted to youth activities at the FCC.

DOWNEY COIN CLUB decided to cancel their December meeting which was too close to Christmas Day. **Chuck Morrissey** presented *Coin-O* for the November meeting. The *Show and Tell* winner in November was **Ron Awerkamp** who spoke on his 1756 George II penny.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY approved a new code of conduct for club members which focused on the avoidance of sexual harassment for club members. **Bruce Berman** gave a *Clinic on Coin Grading* to help members learn the intricacies of that art. Numerous coins of various grades were handed out to test member's skills. Bruce gave the correct grade for each coin and explained

the reasoning. **Stanley Lee**, one of the founding fathers when the club started in 1960, recently attended a meeting and gave a brief history of how he got started in the hobby of coin collecting. **Mike Rothwell** is their new webmaster and the club has a new web page as well as a Facebook page. *The Many Horns and Legs of the Buffalo Nickel* was the title of a presentation given by **Robert Luna**. A program presentation with a slide show on *Collecting Art Medals from the Society of Medalists* was given by **Charlie Ludvik**; from the outline published it appeared to be quite a comprehensive presentation.

DELTA COIN CLUB members were honored to have **ANA Past President Clifford Mishler** again join them for their *December Pot-Luck* meeting. This was Cliff's third visit to the DCC. **Loris Enzminger** is resigning from her position as club treasurer, a position she has held for 40 years. Loris is going to stay active in the club. Two junior members, **Michael Merilles** and **Mason Merilles**, received an award from the CSNA for their efforts to establish and successfully coordinate a student coin club where they go to school at Sierra High School.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB newsletter published a book review on the 2012 *Standard Catalog of World Coins*. It was identified as a must-have reference for anyone interested in world coins. In November the CCC held their 500th meeting and numerous past presidents were in attendance. Together they all held one gavel and called the 500th meeting to order. **Martha** conducted a *Coin Facts or Coin Myths Quiz* and the members were graded to see how well they did.

COINEERS COIN CLUB's theme for November was *Godless Money*. The theme in December was *Coins & Currency of Communist Countries*. December also featured a *White Elephant* sale with the proceeds going to the club. New member **Chris** shared some very rare gold coins from the Charlotte and Dahlonega mints. The annual installation dinner was held at the *Great Plaza Buffet*". New officers are: **President Wayne Joy, Vice President Chris Beyerle, Treasurer/Editor Andrew Woodruff,** and **Secretary Melinda Beyerle**.

CHULA VISTA COIN CLUB did fantastic on their "numismatic item only" donation auction netting about $500. This money is used to buy prizes for the Christmas party in December, which is also a potluck. **Steve Fahrlender** does an outstanding job and everyone was grinning with the prize they won. In January, the installation dinner was held at the Italian restaurant Mangio Italiano in Chula Vista. The new officers installed are **President David Jones, Vice President Steve Fahrlender, Secretary Ginny Bourke,** and **Treasurer Ralph Munoz**. **Don Smith** shared his story of visiting Disneyland when it first opened and riding the train, which was conducted by Walt Disney himself on the day he was there. Of course, he got Walt's autograph, which he treasures to this day.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY President Lila Anderson invited all CES members to an informal gathering at the San Jose coin show. **Edward Sins**

gave a presentation on *The Granite Lady*, a compendium of history and stories of the Old San Francisco Mint. CES President's Citations were bestowed upon **Robert Belleau, Sr., Robert Luna, Jon-Maria Marish,** and **Jeff Shevlin** for their contributions to the field of exonumia.

BURBANK COIN CLUB had fun at their Christmas dinner at the Zen Buffet. Special drawing coins were awarded as well as a 2-peso gold coin.

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB enjoyed the pizzas and wonderful desserts provided by the **Petersons** and **Jack von Bloeker** at the November meeting. *Coin-O* was featured at the December meeting. **John R.** and **Barry L.** were the big winners. The installation dinner in January was held at the Hometown Buffet in Torrance. The officers are **President Steve Demers, Vice President Richard Navarro, Secretary/Editor Jack von Bloeker III,** and **Treasurer George Gill**. **Garrett Burke**, California state quarter designer, presented the February program and discussed the highlights of the state quarter program.

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB celebrated their Christmas party at Otaez Mexican Restaurant; club members that worked at the coin show received a free meal and drinks. If you sell items at the club's auction which is held during the club meeting, you get to perform as the auctioneer of your own material. Club member **Tom Gesner** gave a talk titled *An Introduction to US Colonials, Pre-Federal United States Coinage*. He showed examples and included an interesting slide presentation.

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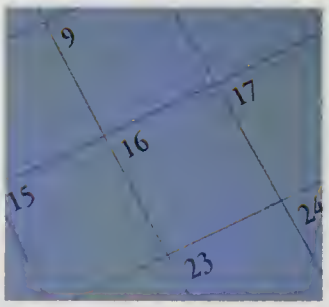

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March 16-17	**Santa Clara/Sunnyvale Coin Show** (Santa Clara), The Domain Hotel, 1085 E. El Camino Real, John McIntosh, (916) 761-2542, mcintoshcoins@yahoo.com.
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March 30-31	**Sacramento Coin Show**, Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Peter McIntosh, (916) 317-9055, mcintoshcoins@yahoo.com.
March 31	**CSNA Southern Educational Symposium** (Studio City), Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel, 12825 Ventura Blvd., see ad elsewhere in this issue.
April 15	**North County Monthly Coin Show** (Anaheim), Embassy Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera St., Jerry Atkinson, (562) 225-2166.
April 28	**Coin & Collectable Show** (Santa Maria), Edwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 E. Park Ave., Ed Cohen, (805) 937-1250, free admission.
May 5	**Spring Coin Show** (Sacramento), Sacramento Valley Coin Club, Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., David Herr (530) 885-9050.
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May 24	**Coin Show** (Van Nuys), Van Nuys Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way, Richard Murachanian (661) 287-1651, ramrarecoins@yahoo.com.

May 31 - June 2	**Long Beach Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo**, Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave., (805) 962-9939, lbexpo@exposunlimited.com.
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June 24	**Alameda Coin Club Show**, Alameda High School Gym (Oak St. at 2200 Central Ave.), Tom Gesner, (510) 923-4216, free admission and parking.
June 30 - July 1	**International Paper Money and Coin Show** (Los Angeles), La Quinta Hotel, 5249 West Century Blvd., Scott McNatt, (818) 667-2329.
July 1	**North County Monthly Coin Show** (Anaheim), Embassy Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera St., Jerry Atkinson, (562) 225-2166.
July 14-15	**Modesto Coin & Collectibles Show**, Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L St. (10th and K Streets), Brandilyn Gilmer, (209) 492-9028.
July 14-15	**55th Annual Coinarama** (Mission Valley), San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council, Masonic Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio S., Kay Lenker, (619) 222-8739, or Ginny Bourke, (619) 390-0047, free parking, www.coinarama.org.
July 19-20	**SoCal Coin and Currency Show** (Ontario), Convention Center, 2000 E. Convention Wy, CK Shows, (888) 330-5188, info@ckshows.com.

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Bay Cities Coin Club—meets 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., El Segundo Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., El Segundo; mailing address: c/o Jack von Bloeker III, 5714 Apia Drive, Cypress, CA 90630. (NASC)

Brentwood Coin Club—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Raley's Food Center (staff room by the Pharmacy), 2400 Sand Creek Rd., Brentwood; mailing address: P.O. Box 1237, Brentwood, CA 94513; e-mail: Collectors@CoinClub.cc. (CSNA)

Burbank Coin Club—meets 1st Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Joslyn Center (Nutrition Room), 1301 W. Olive Ave., Burbank; mailing address: c/o Don Fujitani, 215 Cedar Heights Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. (NASC)

California Exonumist Society—meets twice a year during the semi-annual CSNA Conventions; mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410; e-mail: EmperorI@juno.com. (CSNA, NASC)

California State Numismatic Association—meets twice a year during CSNA conventions at various locations; mailing address: Stephen Huston, P.O. Box 1388, Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail: ask@numorum.com; Web site: www.calcoin.org. (CSNA, NASC)

Chula Vista Coin Club—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., San Diego County Library, Bonita Branch, 4375 Bonita Road, Bonita; mailing address: 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040; Web site: www.chulavistacoinclub.org. (CSNA)

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Covina Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., San Dimas Royal Mobile Homes Clubhouse, 1630 W. Covina Blvd., San Dimas.; mailing address: Helen Desens, 282 W. Bygrove St., Covina, CA 91722. (CSNA, NASC)

Cupertino Coin Club—meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., West Valley Presbyterian Church, Parish Hall, 6191 Bollinger Avenue, Cupertino, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448; Web site: www.cupertinocoinclub.com. (CSNA)

Delta Coin Club—meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton, CA 95204; mailing address: P.O. Box 216, Victor CA 95253-0216. (CSNA)

Diablo Numismatic Society—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Concord Police Department meeting room, 1350 Galindo St., Concord; contact: James Laird, president, (925) 200-2276; e-mail: info@diablocoinclub.org; Web site: www.diablocoinclub.org. (CSNA)

Downey Numismatists—meets 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m., Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave., Downey; mailing address: Albertus Hoogeveen, P.O. Box 222, Downey, CA 90241. (NASC)

Fairfield Coin Club—meets 4th Wednesday (except December), 7:00 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, Parish Hall #1, corner of First and Kentucky Streets, Fairfield; mailing address: P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094. (CSNA)

Fremont Coin Club—meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Fremont Elks Club, #2121, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont; mailing address: P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, CA 94538-0140; Web site: www.FremontCoinClub.org (CSNA)

Fresno Numismatic Society—meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 East Clinton, Fresno; mailing address: P.O. Box 11525, Fresno, CA 93773-1525. (CSNA)

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Liberty Numismatic Society—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Millbrae City Library, 1 Library Avenue, Millbrae; mailing address: P.O. Box 300, Millbrae, CA 94030-0300; Web site: LNS.ANAclubs.org. (CSNA)

Long Beach Coin Club—meets 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m., Millikan High School Cafeteria, 2800 Snowden Ave., Long Beach; mailing address: P.O. Box 8101, Long Beach, CA 90808. (CSNA, NASC)

Los Angeles Paper Money Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Denny's, 5525 Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks; mailing address: Scott McNatt, 15445 Ventura Blvd., #125, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403-3005; e-mail: info@promedia.la. (CSNA)

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Numismatic Nostalgia

Fifty Years Ago

- The January 1962 issue of *The NASC Quarterly* printed a summary of membership growth since the founding of the organization. Starting with 144 charter members and 6 member clubs in the year of charter (1955), membership grew over the next six years to 477 individuals and 42 clubs.
- Having edited *Calcoin News* for twelve years, Charles V. Kappen resigned the position effective April 8, 1962. Kappen had taken over the job with the first issue of 1950 from L. C. Panosh who had edited it since 1947. Kappen renamed the journal to *Calcoin News* from *CSNA Bulletin* in March of 1950. There wasa small gap in tenure during Kappen's stint in the Army from November 1951 to July 1953. Succeeding Kappen was Lesley G. Lodge of San Francisco, a member of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

- *The NASC Quarterly* ran an article titled, "The Bridge", regarding the then-50th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Highlighted was the role played by Bank of America and its founder Amadeo Giannani. The bridge turns 75 on May 27th.
- *Calcoin News* also ran 'Frisco-related items, primarily regarding the 80th semi-annual convention for CSNA. The convention theme according to the official event poster? "Numismatics—Bridge to the Past." The bridge was also featured on the convention medal.

Ten Years Ago

- NASC was blessed with the arrival of an incredibly handsome and articulate man to succeed Gary Beedon as editor of *The NASC Quarterly*, when Greg Burns agreed to take over the position. Officials and readers were greatly relieved to find that his literary skills matched his natural good looks and easy charms, and were exceeded only by his profound humility.
- *Calcoin News* sadly reported the passing of former mint director, Mary Brooks, at the age of 92. Brooks was a life member of CSNA and attended many of the association's conventions and spoke at several of its forums.

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